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SUBJECT: AWACS DEMONSTRATION IN FRG

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1. FURTHER TO MY EARLIER MESSAGE ON THIS SUBJECT (REF-  
TEL), I ASKED THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO CALL ON STATE  
SECRETARY DR. SCHNELL OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY TO DETER-  
MINE WHETHER MINISTER LEBER HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO PROPOSE  
A DATE FOR THE AWACS DEMONSTRATION IN THE FRG. DR.  
SCHNELL SAID THAT HE RECALLED HIS CONVERSATION WITH  
GENERAL JONES VERY WELL, BUT HAD NOT INTENDED TO LEAVE  
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THE IMPRESSION THAT MINISTER LEBER HAD DECIDED UPON AN  
OPPORTUNE DATE. UPON HIS RETURN TO BONN, DR.  
SCHNELL HAD CHECKED CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S CALENDAR AND  
FOUND THAT ANY DATE BEFORE THE PARIS AIR SHOW WAS OUT OF  
THE QUESTION.

2. ANOTHER EMBOFF SPOKE WITH DR. MARTIN BLOCH, MINISTER

LEBER'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE MINISTER HAD RELAYED A POSSIBLE DATE TO HIM. DR. BLOCH SAID THAT THE MINISTER HAD DEFINITELY NOT DONE SO. BLOCH THEN GAVE A STRONG WARNING AGAINST ANY HINT OF U.S. PRESSURE ON THE DEFENSE MINISTER OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF A U.S. "HARD SELL" APPROACH, EITHER OF WHICH COULD SET BACK THE AWACS PROGRAM BY YEARS. EMBOFF ASSURED HIM THAT THE U.S. WAS QUITE WILLING TO FOLLOW MINISTER LEBER'S LEAD IN THIS MATTER AND ONLY WISHED TO BE SURE THAT THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY THE AWACS APPEARANCE AT THE PARIS AIR SHOW WAS NOT OVERLOOKED. BLOCH PROMISED TO BRING THIS TO MINISTER LEBER'S ATTENTION FIRST THING MONDAY MORNING (WHEN THE MINISTER WOULD NEXT BE IN HIS OFFICE) AND TO GIVE US THE MINISTER'S ANSWER. HE TOO FELT THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF A DEMONSTRATION TAKING PLACE ON MAY 31 AND JUNE 1 AS HAD BEEN SUGGESTED.

3. I CONSIDER IT A FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT THE MAY 31-JUNE 1 DATES SHOULD BE DROPPED. EITHER I WILL HEAR DIRECTLY FROM MINISTER LEBER ON MONDAY, OR DR. BLOCH WILL TELEPHONE TO A MEMBER OF MY STAFF REPORTING THE MINISTER'S CURRENT VIEWS ON TIMING. CONSIDERING THE DELICATE NATURE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GERMANS ON THIS ISSUE AND THE KEY ROLE BEING PLAYED BY MINISTER LEBER, I SUGGEST NO FURTHER CONTACT BE MADE WITH THE GERMANS ON IT UNTIL I HEAR LEBER'S WISHES.

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